

What is claimed is:

1. A layout system with order-placement capability for performing layout, comprising:

layout section for performing layout; and

5 layout order placing section for placing an order for layout on the basis of a layout result produced by said layout section.

2. The layout system with order-placement capability

10 according to claim 1, further comprising user operation input section for inputting user operations, wherein said layout section performs layout according to operations inputted through said user operation input section.

15 3. The layout system with order-placement capability according to claim 2, wherein:

20 said layout order placing section for generating order data including a layout result produced by said layout section and sending said generated order data to a vendor together with an order request.

4. The layout system with order-placement capability according to claim 2 or 3, wherein:

25 said layout order placing section generates order data including an operation log information from which operations inputted through said user operation input section can be

retraced and a layout result produced by said layout section and sending said data to a vendor together with an order request.

5. The layout system with order-placement capability
5 according to claim 2 or 3, wherein:

10 said layout order placing section generates order data including an operation log information indicating the log of operations inputted through said user operation input section and the layout result produced by said layout section and sending said generated order data to a vendor together with an order request.

15 6. The layout system with order-placement capability according to any of claims 1 to 5, wherein said layout system is communicably connected to a matching system that performs matching with a designer, and said layout order placing section generates order data including a layout result produced by said layout section and sends said generated order data to said matching system together with an order request.

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25 7. The layout system with order-placement capability according to any of claims 1 to 5, wherein said layout system is communicably connected to a matching system for matching an order request with a designer, and said layout order placing section generates order data including a layout result produced by said layout section and sends said generated order data to said matching system together with an order request.

8. The layout system with order-placement capability according to any of claims 1 to 7, further comprising layout evaluating section for evaluating a layout result produced
5 by said layout section.

9. The layout system with order-placement capability according to claim 8, wherein:

10 said layout evaluating section evaluates a layout result produced by said layout section and, depending on the result of the evaluation, requests said layout order placing section to place an order for layout; and

15 said layout order placing section places an order for layout on the basis of a layout result produced by said layout section if said layout order placing section is requested to place an order for layout.

10. The layout system with order-placement capability according to claim 8 or 9, wherein an order condition can be
20 set in said layout system and said layout evaluating section evaluate a layout result produced by said layout section and, if the result of the evaluation meets said order condition, requests said layout order placing section to place an order for layout.

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11. The layout system with order-placement capability according to any of claims 8 to 10, wherein said layout

evaluating section presents said evaluation result to a user and, if placement of an order for layout is approved by said user, requests said layout order placing section to place said order for layout.

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12. The layout system with order-placement capability according to any of claims 1 to 11, wherein:

10 said layout order placing section places an order for layout on the basis of a layout result produced by said layout section by using one of a plurality of ordering system that is specified by the user.

13. A layout program with order-placement capability for performing layout that causes a computer to perform processing 15 implemented as layout section for performing layout and layout order placing section for placing an order for layout depending on a layout result produced by said layout section.

14. A layout method for performing layout, comprising the 20 steps of:

performing layout; and
placing an order for layout depending on a layout result produced in said step of performing layout.